

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE 0045Z 10 NOV 62

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ROUTING

1	4
2	5
3	6

TO DIRECTOR

EO 12958 3.3(b) (1) >25Yrs

FROM

ACTION: OSA (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10)

INFO: S/C (11)

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PRIORITY

TOR: 0100Z 10 NOV 62

IN 55202

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NO NIGHT ACTION

FLIGHT NUMBER 12 ARTICLE 123 AIRBORNE 9 NOV 1315 HOURS
 FOR 1 HOUR 31 MINUTES. OBJECTIVE: TEST OF PE CAMERA SYSTEM
AND INS. TAKEOFF AT 85,000 POUNDS, CG 22.2 PERCENT. AB CLIMB
 TO 30,000 FEET. CRUISE AT MACH .9 AT THIS ALTITUDE THROUGHOUT
 FLIGHT. PILOT BILL PARKS FOLLOWED NUMBER TWO NEEDLE ON INS FOR
 GUIDANCE, TRIED AUTO NAVIGATION MODE, BUT IT REACTED TOO SLOW
 FOR CAMERA AND DATA RUNS SO PILOT STAYED ON MANUAL TRACK. FOUR
 RUNS WERE MADE OVER TARGETS, TWO NORTH AND TWO SOUTH. CAMERA
 APPARENTLY OPERATED SATISFACTORY. AT END OF FLIGHT DISTANCE TO
 GO ERROR WAS LESS THAN TWO MILES ON INS. AN IDLE DESCENT WAS
 THEN MADE AND PARACHUTE DEPLOYED ON LANDING. ARTICLE 121 SCHEDULED
 FOR MACH 2.4 SPEED RUN 10 NOV 1962. ARTICLE 123 SCHEDULED FOR INS
 AND ADF CHECK FLIGHT 10 NOV.

END OF MESSAGE

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